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FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: WEST BANK MAYORS' PETITION FOR VANCE

REF: JERUSALEM 216

1. A PETITION FROM THE "PEOPLE OF PALESTINE UNDER
ISRAELI OCCUPATION" ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY WAS
FORWARDED TO HIS PARTY VIA CONGEN FEB 16. MODERATE
AND RESPECTFUL IN TONE, IT REHEARSED THE STANDARD
GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE OCCUPATION: CONDITIONS OF
PRISONERS, FINES, DEPORTATIONS, EXPROPRIATIONS,
EVICTIONS, TAXATION AND ANNEXATION OF JERUSALEM.
AUTHORS STATE THEY WISH TO ACQUAINT SECRETARY WITH
FACTS WHICH HE, AS GUEST OF GOI, OTHERWISE WOULD NOT
BE AWARE. THE US WAS CALLED UPON TO COMPLE ISRAEL
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TO WITHDRAW IN COMPLIANCE WITH UN RESOLUTIONS.
THE PLO IS CITED AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

2. THE PETITION IS SIGNED BY 12 MAYORS INCLUDING
THOSE OF NABLUS, HEBRON, TULKARM AND AL BIREH. NOTABLE
ABSENCES ARE BETHLEHEM (MAYOR FREIJ REFUSED TO BOW

IN DIRECTION OF PLO) AND RAMALLAH (MAYOR KHALAF REPORTEDLY THINKS THE US IS INCORRIGIBLY COMMITTED TO THE ISRAELIS.) SIGNATURES FROM BEIT JALA AND BEIT SAHUR, THE MAJOR CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED, WERE OBTAINED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

3. COMMENT: WHEREAS THE WB PETITION FOR UNSG WALDHEIM WAS A SEMI-SERIOUS ATTEMPT TO ADDRESS THE PLOITICAL QUESTION OF WHAT WAS TO REPLACE THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION, THE PETITION TO VANCE APPEARS TO BE A RATHER DISORGANIZED ATTEMPT TO PUT SOMETHING ON THE RECORD. DESPITE EVIDENCE OF SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS IN THINKING WITHIN THE PLO AND IN THE ARAB STATES, THE CORE OF WB POLITICAL THINKING REMAINS: 1) TOTAL OPPOSITION TO THE OCCUPATION; 2) CONTINUED STRONG EXPLICIT SUPPORT FOR THE PLO AND 3) ARMS-LENGTH RELATIONS WITH JORDAN. NEWLIN

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